

From: Jim Malkoski
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:05 PM
Subject: free speech

To the Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission:
Contrary to popular belief, there are free thinkers and intelligent individuals in this country who honor diversity in music and news (I am one). I am a firm believer in receiving the truth of some matters from diverse and honest sources. I am against just one voice controlling the broadcast media. Right now the only honest news I feel I get is from NPR and if the deregulation goes through, my friends and I plan to boycott the media. I would like you to vote against the deregulation of broadcast ownership rules.

Deregulation would allow just one view out of many to be publicized, which is unfair to the public. Mainstream news has become more and more like the propaganda of Nazi Germany, one-sided and aimed toward the less-intelligent masses, who are most likely to believe it and be influenced by it. Is this not supposed to be a country of free thinkers? Please support free speech and thought.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Malkoski

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From: revkeyes
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:07 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein:

Please do not further deregulate the broadcast marketplace. It is already hard enough to find responsible, varied reporting and commentary, culturally uplifting, unique programming, and anything resembling regional nuance and local accountability in our media. I urge you to refrain from making it any worse. Enough with the homogenization and narrowing of the nation's airwaves. The cultural and political implications for our country and world are already evident, and I am convinced the problem would only get worse with further deregulation. Surely the forced media silence regarding your recent tour and deliberations on this vital issue are more than evidence enough of the selfish, anti-democratic strategies of the few corporations that own such a large portion of our media outlets. Please stop the war on independent American voices!! We're selling out the freedom of the American people to the highest bidder!

Sincerely,

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From: MSuesOne@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:14 PM
Subject: Proposed changes to broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

This is to express my strong opposition to the proposed rule changes, which you will be considering on June 2, 2003. Allowing further media concentration violates the spirit of our democracy and is not in the public interest. We already have too many media conglomerates with disproportionate power over the public airwaves. I urge you to vote against the proposed changes. Thank you.

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From: Norman Eagle
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:15 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation Proposal

We deeply resent your intention to allow a few people in this country to control what the people know about their country and the world. This is the end of democracy as we have known it for the past 200 years. It is a sham to believe that free speech or free elections mean anything when the substance of that speech or political decision is based on what a handful of rich and powerful people allow you to think about. This is outrageous, and history will hold you responsible for the destruction of democracy in our country.
 Norman and Betty Eagle Oxnard, CA

From: Just7ds@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:19 PM
Subject: RE: Changing FCC Rules

I wish to register my opinion on your vote for new FCC Rules. NO, NO, NO, NO!
It is my intention to ask Senator Diane Feinstein along with others is Congress to investigate this matter.
Could there be a " Pay Off" to get a favorable vote?
I'm mad as hell ,and will vote to remove the politicians who are responsible!

D.A. Sumares

From: ZMARK54@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:28 PM
Subject: Cross Ownership Vote

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Please, in the name of democracy and diversity, do not vote to permit the cross-ownership of media outlets in a given city, and to increase the number of TV stations that one owner may hold. This change has proven to be disastrous in radio, where a very few corporations now control most of the radio in this country. It has certainly decreased the number of voices that can be heard, and it severely limits access to the airwaves of budding musicians and other artists. I urge you to vote against expanding these ownership limits.

Sincerely,
Michael DeMark
St. Paul, Minnesota

From: Nancy Schneider
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:28 PM
Subject: June 2, 2003 FCC rule changes

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed changes in media ownership which are supposed to be voted on June 2, 2003. This issue needs additional input from the American people! There are many areas of our country who have little or no local programming and access to unbiased, diversified media. This is wrong!

Sincerely,

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From: dan steinberg
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 1:40 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

dan steinberg (danimal@rbnet.com) writes:

I read your dissent in its entirety. I couldn't agree more. I am deeply worried about the plans of the corporate fascists that now control the government. They will use media control to eliminate any opposition. Thank you for taking a principled and moral stand against this outrage.

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From: Marion S Kundiger
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 1:42 PM
Subject: Relaxation of FCC Ownership Rules

Below is a copy of my email to Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Dear Chairman Powell, June 3, 2003

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This is a sad day for Americans and this change only benefits a few companies that are hell bent on making more money. It is my hope that Congressmen like Sen. Byron L. Dorgan of North Dakota are able to turn this dis-service to Americans around and reverse this terrible decision.

Most sincerely,
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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 1:53 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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I urge you to review the recent weakening of rules by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding ownership of TV, cable, and print media. As voters we need as much fair and impartial information as possible during these troubled times.

As you know, the FCC has reviewed the rules for media ownership. The FCC allowed an adjustment of the rules to permit big corporations to dominate ownership of media in a particular city or town. A corporation may be from out of state. In our isolated state, it is unlikely that they will be a members of the community but will be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations and the cable TV system. They will be able to ignore local issues and concerns. They can also edit and suppress national news that is of primary importance to all thinking and voting Americans. Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer and fewer companies and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. And so our democracy will be compromised.

This reduced competition between ever fewer owners of networks, stations and newspapers nationwide will also likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and, of course those costs likely would be passed onto consumers.

The FCC voted to change the rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals were overwhelmingly opposed to these rule changes. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition. Unfortunately, these comments were ignored in favor of the desires of large corporations.

Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

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